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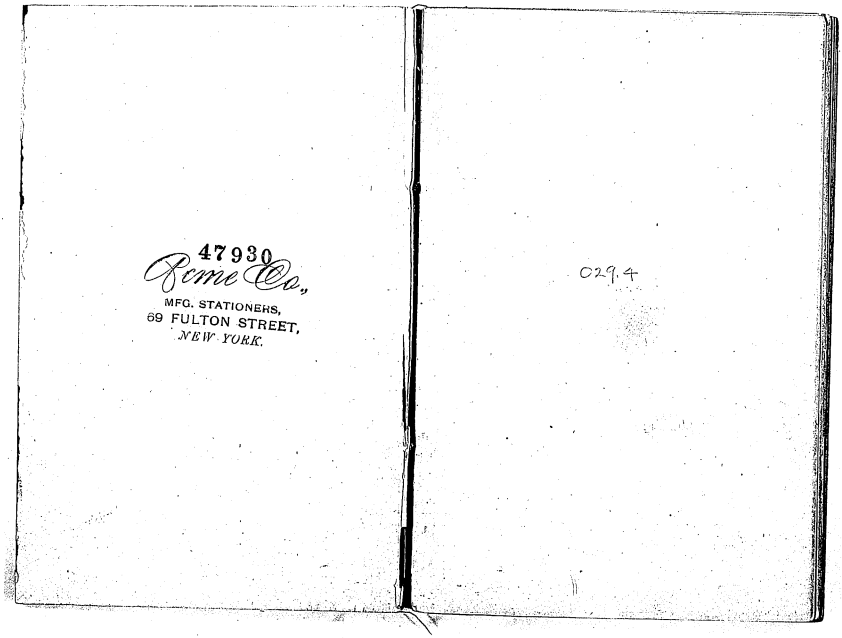
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Rec'd P.M.
JUN 1 1911

Have found and showed to Mr Edison that the trouble of Blistered Records was due to the wax Cores having some particles of Shellac Dope which Expand after the Records are pressed. The Shellac Dope finds its way there when the Old Rekords are Reclaimed

Rec'd P.M.
JUN 2 1911

Have received 75 new wax Cores that are free from Shellac Dope. Dressed the surface to make them all same dimention by Coating them with Montanne Comp. Then Coated them with "Jones" Dope #E Flexid enough at 290°F. does not Rubble. lays well to form the Coating. must be gramma finess so it may melt quicker. Coating of one

——record can be done in 20 seconds. Burnishing
Rec'd P.M. is not required — in fact
JUN 2 1911 the unpolished Blank
makes a cleaner and finer
as smooth Record.
No Air for cooling this Dope
is required, probably with
an automatic coating machine
air cooling will be necessary
to accelerate the operation.
But the Dope will have to be
Powdered finer to supply
the demand of melted Dope

Pressed 50 Records
3 of the lot developed
Rec'd P.M. blisters of large dimentions
JUN 3 1911 nothing like the old kind
the reason for them is not yet
known. 9 of the lot were perfect.
the balance were slightly imperfect
in the way of spots of wax and
small dirts caused by fibre from
the cleaning rag. 13 of them were
imperfect in the wax cover —

Pressed 25 more Records
½ of the lot developed
Rec'd P.M. large 13 blisters same as
JUN 5 1911 above Exp. Harr Journal
the cause of this to be
the Cooling to quick after pressure
is turned on. all the lot was
defective in the way of Specks
or Dirt Spots, cracks —

Rec'd P.M. JUN 7 1911

Pressed 4 records as follows — Shaped the blanks to measure 2.180" in Centre and 2.175" at each end. Rendered plastic by Heating 2 hrs. and applied 100 lb pressure for 1 minute and 1800 lbs for another minute then applied the cooling jacket for another minute then let off the pressure for another minute. the Result is that the Record is perfectly pressed and contracted out of its Matrix. This way means the saving of lots of time because when a greater pressure is applied the Record requires much longer time to Contract out. Further more the low pressure at the beginning prevents the cracking at each End of the Matrix thus allowing the air to escape with more Ease

Rec'd P.M. JUN 13 1911

Made Record Sample marked 6/13/11 as follows Coated montana cylinders with alcoholic Solution of Shellac — Evaporate as much alcohol as possible in heated oven 150° F. for 3 hrs. & pressed Record. The Result is a beautiful Surfaces — Smooth and quite free from Cracks. But too Soft to be commercial. Heated another in oven for 12 hrs. & moulded marked 6/14/11 Film of Shellac is harder & looks more practicals. Possibly longer heating will further improve, try again Mr Edison Suggested some better methods of producing Records, the above is one form. Told Mr Jones of Mr Edison Suggestions and he immediately Coated Montana Blanks and I pressed them

Made 6 Records as follows. Coated with Coating machine and with # 365A Dope mostane. Blanks a very thin layer about 1 thousandth, then Heated them to puncture any air that was imprisoned between the Blank surface & the film, after this applied the fluid thickness of # 365A coating, and pressed them in the usual way. The Blanks used for the above six were undressed, and straight Only one blister showed from the lot of undressed blanks and no blisters showed from another lot of 6 Dressed blanks with the drivers test again

Ent'd P.M. JUN 14 1911

Made 45 Records with "F. Dope" works good. Some trouble in preventing smear on Blank edges. the Moulding is O.K. Expert inspection of this lot shows only 1 Record that is O.K. all others have tiny defects.

Ent'd P.M. JUN 17 1911

Blanks Dressed to 2.1723" in Centre, when Coated is 2.1855" " "

Made 12 Records with "Jones" F. Dope, works good. the main fault is a smear of soft gray smaller produced when the melting pot gate is closed and the lip of the gate rests upon the Surface of the Blank. Records look good and are hard enough

Ent'd P.M. JUN 24 1911

Made 12 Records with Jones F. Dope works good. — more Stearate of Zinc was added to the F. Dope which produced this F. Dope. Still got some smear when the Blank is burnished, and the Stearate of Zinc produces a softer mass. too soft to be useful

Ent'd P.M. JUN 26 1911

Edi'o P.M. JUN 27 1911

Made 12 Records with H. Dope this carries less Stearate of Zinc than the Dope and more than the ½ Records good. when burnished and wiped off with muslin produces a good Record. Made 12 more without burnish could not detect any Difference. Surface noisy and are less liable to Smears.

Edi'o P.M. JUN 28 1911

Made with G. Dope Record Samples # 6/28/11 ½ put into cards board box and box placed in heated oven temp. 120°F. to 126°. after 6 hrs. Records were taken out and some the surface had become plastic enough to cause some pin holes and other irregularities.

Edi'o P.M. JUN 30 1911

Made another lot of Records with Jones' H. Dope, more than definitely found that this H. Dope and Condenser much too slow to be practical for manufacture of Records. 20 Records is the Maximum number that can be coated before it becomes so viscous and rubbery that smooth coating is no longer possible from the time of starting the melting of a batch when temp. is 280°F. and not allow temp. to Rise above 300°, the Dope is condensed to a mass like putty in 1 hr. And when temp. is 246° at start and not allowed to go above 262° in one hour coating could be done only with difficulty indicating that a higher temp. was necessary to make liquid enough and higher temp. Condensed it too soon.

M. G.

Jones "#3 Dope

Ent'd P.M. JUN 30 1911

Started to melt at 4.25 with pot temp. at 260°.
at 4.35 temp. was up to 266°
at 4.48 Started to coat blanks at 270°
with a spoon large enough to carry just as much dope powdered as required to coat one record that quantity was added after coating each blanks and temp. was held between 265 to 275 Records good at 270. 34 Records Blanks were coated in a satisfactory manner, using air Cooling. Did look as if the application could have continued indefinitely.

O. K. Try Again on larger Scale

These Blanks will be numbered 6/30/11 2/21

Ent'd P.M. JUN 30 1911

34 Blanks # 6/30/11 were placed in oven heated to 140° F. at 6.00 P.M. with object to Force evaporation and setting of the Dope by long heating before moulding the Record Blanks # 6/30/11 3

Ent'd P.M. JUL 1 1911

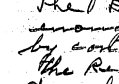
at 7.45 A.M. placed 14 of the above blanks at little higher temp up to 162° in order to render plastic enough to mould at 1 P.M. Started to mould The unburnished Blanks after such long heating become glossy,

Jones "#3 Dope consists of
J. N. Shellac 22 oz
Crude Tetrachlor. Naph. 10 oz
Stearate of Zinc 10 grams
Nubet 5 grams

Heat Test

One Record # 7 Dope & one " # H Dope was subjected to temp of 112° to 114° F. for 48 hrs. The Dope became soft enough to take impression by contact simply. But the Record retained up — does loose a small percentage of tone - Volume -

Date P.M. JUL 1 1911



Made some changes with the Expander device with object to mount the mandrel Cone at both ends so close that only very little reaming will suffice to to make the Record fit the cone mandrel of the Phonos and test does the trick all right.

Date P.M. JUL 3 1911

Made some experiments with "Jones" # 3 Dope to render it more fluid when it is in condition for coating Blanks, Pyrocatechin in very small quantity works admirably well - rendering the Dope much fluid and seems to all go off in the oven when heating the blank for 12 to 18 hrs. and leaves the Dope good and hard - But the price of Pyrocatechin is so high that it would be in the way of making use of it in practice - Have tried Benzoic Acid in proportion of 5% to # 3 Dope - which makes it liquid enough "Jones" suggested Camphor - in fact several things, things would produce the Effect. What is required is a Solute that melts at about 170° to 200° and of such nature that it will go off from the Dope when it is Cleft in oven heated to 130° F. for 12 to 18 hrs -

Date P.M. JUL 5 1911

Entd P.M.
JUL 5 1911

Coated Six Blanks with Jones "#3 Dope" + acid Benzoic in proportion of #3 Dope 10 5/16 oz + Acid Benzoic 5/16 oz mixed the Powders together and melt in Coating Machine was fluid enough at 260°

Will number these Blanks "1" to "6" Inclusive. Put in oven at 4:30 when 1 temp. was 140°

#7/6/11

Entd P.M.
JUL 6 1911

Proved the Six Blown Blanks into Records after standing in oven 18 hrs. with temp running from 140° to 160° this morning with temp at 160° the blanks showed that the coating had become little too soft the Dope displaced itself 160.0° for the last hour only may be allright but must for a long period. The Records proved not allright requiring the pressure to be put on gradually up to 15-00 for 1 1/4 minutes then apply the coating Jacket for 3/4 minute when the pressure may be turned off and blank extracted.

The Dope shows to be little too soft although it stands well at high temperature probably 1/4 oz of Benzoic Acid to 1 oz of #3 Dope would be better

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Experiments to Render the Dope more fluid for Coating

Jones #3 Dope 10 parts
Phenol Trichloride 1 "
Sample #1
Heat 270° fluid

"Jones" #3 Dope 10 parts
Phenol Trichloride 1 "
Sample #2
Heat

Entd P.M JUL 6 1940

Put Samples #1 in oven
at 3:15 P.M. Heat temp. 140°
" 5:10 " " " 142°
Next morning at 8:00 A.M. " " 148°
After 87 hrs. Heating - Granular Structure
Elastic Soft

Sample #2 in oven
at 3:45 P.M. Heat temp 140°
" 5:10 " " " 142°
Next morning at 8:00 a.m. " " 148°

Dope Samples

22/32 T. M. Lac (unboiled)

10/32 Tetra chlor - Naph. (unreacted)

1/128 Violet

1/32 Trichloride Phenol

Melt Tetra add Shellac (Bleached) and Violet also mixed - keep temp below 270 and finally not higher than 274 add the Phenol stir well + pour off

Will Number Samples #3

Dope Samples #4

Entd P.M J.N. Shellac 20 Part 1/128
JUL 6 1911 Violet Color 1/128 "
Trichlor-Phenol 2 " 1/64
Heat 270° very short moment at 276° at finish
Makes good looking mass Hard
& Tough. try more Phenol
Noticable that the mass is free from
Smears. Some Bya Crystals labouts up
in mass underoll hot
after 2½ heating in oven has faint smell of Phenol-
Harder than #5

Sample #5

J.N. Shellac 10 Parts
Violet 1/128 "
Tri chlor Phenol 2 "
Naphtalene 1/4 "
Heat same as above
Sample is more pliable & soft than
above #4
There is absence of free crystals of bya.

After 2½ hrs. heating in oven has faint
smell of Phenol — Hard & Tough
little Plastic — Celluloid-like

Sample # 6

J.N. Shellac 10 parts
Entd Violet 1/128 "
JUL 7 Trichlor Phenol 3 "
Dissolve the Color in Phenol first
Heat to 266° becomes Liquid enough
free from Smears
lots of Pin Holes
little soft & Rubbery about
Same as #5 after 2½ hrs Heating
Tough & Harder than # 4 - Free from Smear. Some pin holes

Sample #7

J.N. - Shellac 10 Parts
Tetrachlor-Naph- 2 "
Trichlor Phenol 1
Violet 1/128
Heat to 264° Liquid enough
Fewer Pin holes than #6
Harder than # 6
Sets quicker
Some traces of Smears

after 2½ hrs heating has little odour of Phenol -
is tough - not free from Smears
Some Pin holes - Looks fair

Sample # 8

I. N. Shellac	10 Parts
Tetra-chlor-Naph-	2 "
Naphthalene	1 "
Purple dyes	1/128 "

Liquid enough only when at 180°
Melt first the Tetra-chlor-Naph with the Plain Naphthalene & the Color, a thick mass adheres to the sides which dont dissolve.
Some Smears & Pin Holes Pretty Tough Mass after 14 hrs heating Smears & Pin Holes are Slick there. Granular Structure
Hard & Tough

Sample # 9

I. N. Shellac	10 parts
Tetra-Chlor-Naph-	3 "
Monobromated Camphor	1/2 "
Color Purple	1/128

Some Smears & Pin Holes
The Color adheres to the sides when Joint melted with the Tetra - dont dissolve does not look very promissing
after 14 hrs Heating
Hard & Tough after 14 hrs heating
Some Smears

Sample # 10

I. N. Shellac	10 Parts
Tetra chlor-Naph-	2 "
Naphthalene	1 "
Blue Dye	1/128 "

This Sample is to test difference between Purple & Blue Color
The Blue dissolves instantly and acts upon the mass to render it more fluid at 160° Then the Purple at 180°. There is too much Color. Sample shows less Smears & Pin holes then #8 after melting Granular Structure, Some layed Smears

Sample # 11

I. N. Shellac	10 parts
Tetra chlor-Naph-	3
Camphor	1
Blue Color	1/128

Mixes Good - liquid at 275°
Some Smears but Evenly distributed
Nearly free from Pin Holes
Pretty Hard & Tough as soon as cold
Smears & Pin Holes are about the Same as in #10
Mass is Very tough - But little too plastic
#10 is more plastic then #11 or 12

Rec'd P.M. JUL 7 1911

Sample # 12

J. N. Shellac	10 parts
Tetra-chlor-Naph.	4 "
Trichloride Phenol	1/2 "
Camphor	1/2 "

Melts good. Very liquid at 230°.
Sets quick enough
Smears & Pin Holes about the same as in # 10 & 11
Toughness about same as # 11.
Oxidized Coat good.

Sample # 13

J. N. Shellac	10 Parts
Tetra-chlor-Naph.	3 "
Naphthalene	1/2 "
Camphor	1/2 "

Melts & mixes good
temp 270 the highest
Some Smears & Pin Holes
Sets quick enough pretty Hard & tough

After 48 hrs. in Oven to Evaporate Solvent temp 148 to 158° — too Soft.

After 84 hrs. a Shade Harder

Plastic at 96°

Rec'd P.M. JUL 8 1911

Sample # 14

J. N. Shellac	10 Parts
Trichlor Phenol	3 "
Victoria Blue	1/128 "

Melt Phenol with Color and Pulverized Shellac gradually, temp no higher than 164°. Fluid enough to filter at 140°
Samples are not free from Pin holes.
Mass is fairly Hard as soon as Cool.
Too much Color
After 48 hrs. in oven at 148 to 158°. to Evaporate Solvent - too Plastic
After 84 hrs. a Shade Harder

Sample # 15 — Very Plastic at 96°

J. N. Shellac	10 Parts
Trichlor Phenol	4 "
Victoria Blue	1/128 "

Operate same as above # 14
As soon as Cool it is not so Hard as # 14 But much freer from Pin Holes.
A Sample of this dope 24 hrs after made and exposed to 96° Temp is Very Plastic Enough to Mould Records. The addition of Paraformaldehyde hardens it Some. See # 16 / After 48 hrs. in Oven temp 148 to 158°. too plastic. But Patent Leather Finish

Plastic at 96°

Sample #16

T. N. Shellac		10 Parts
Trichlor-Phenol		3 "
Paraformaldehyde		1 "
Blue Color		— 1/16

Rec'd P.M. JUL 8 1911

Melt Phenol with aldehyde
Ebulition takes place, and seems that a crystal is formed that does not melt —
Add the Shellac with the Blue Color gradually at 140° it begins to Bubble and Heat is generated; care has to be taken as the temp will not Rise above 180°, is pretty thick at that temp. cool down to 160° the Bubbles flatten down. When Cold the mass is quite hard and some flexible of plastic quality — harder than #15
A Sample of the above taken 24 hrs. after made and Exposed to 96° Heat is plastic enough to mould Record But the Paraformaldehyde has the effect of rendering the Compound harder than #15 — See

After 48 hrs in oven a Shade Harder than #15
After 84 hrs

Very Plastic at 96°

Sample # 17

T. N. Shellac		10 Parts
Trichlorside Phenol		4 "
Para formaldehyde		1/2 "
Victoria Blue		— 1/16

Rec'd P.M. JUL 8 1911

Melt Phenol with formaldehyde — some crystals above undissolved or new ones are formed which does not dissolve at that temp. Filter off — there is only a very small proportion that remains in the filter perhaps 1/4 of 1% —
Now there is 3 1/2 parts of this mixture Melt this and add Shellac 10 parts becomes very fluid at 125° and could be filtered at that temp. provided it is done just as soon as the Shellac is thoroughly dissolved. I noticed that as the temp. Rises from 125° the mass thickens and very little heat is required to Raise the temp. in fact it rises being off the flame for a time. Temp of this Sample did not Rise above 140°
The mass as soon as Cold is more plastic than #14 + 16 and a shade less than #15

Solvent mixture

Dr. Clark —

Trichlor-Phenol 1 oz
Paraformaldehyde 1/4 oz

#1 Leaves 1/4 oz by Evaporation

Trichlor-Phenol 1 oz
Paraformaldehyde 3/8 oz "
Leaves 3/8 oz by Evaporation.

#2

Shows few clear spots in Result

Trichlor-Phenol 1 oz
Paraformaldehyde 7/16 oz
Leaves 7/16 oz by Evaporation
Shows Iridescent Crystals

#3

Trichlor-Phenol 1 oz
Paraformaldehyde 5/16

Shows some clear Spots less than #2 But more than #3

#4

Trichlor-Phenol 1 oz
Paraformaldehyde 3/8 oz
Rosalic acid 1/16 "

~~No~~ clear Spots - A liquid exudes from the Salt after it has set - Does not look Good

Sample #18

J. N. Shellac	10 Parts
#2 Solvent mixture	3

Extra pale
JUL 1 0 1911
Temp. no higher than 152°. could filter.
Does not set hard as soon as cool
Very Rubbery Plastic after 48 hrs. in open.
little harder after 36 hrs in Oven 154°

#19

J. N. Shellac	10 Parts
#2 Solvent Mixture	6

Very liquid at 140° could filter
Not higher than 152°
Does not Set Hard as quickly as #18 — Will not harden after 48 hrs. in open softer than #18

#20

J. N. Shellac	10
Tetra Chlor. Nap.	3
#2 Solvent Mixture	

Tetra & Solvent mixes good
Liquid enough to filter at 260°
little too plastic after 36 hrs. in Oven 154°
Try again with less tetra ---

#21

J. N. Shellac	10
Tetra Chlor-Nap	4
#2 Solvent Mixture	1/2

Liquid enough to filter at 250° to 260° Little Sinbeam. Fairly Hard & Tough.
Very Few Pin Holes
Looks Good
After 36 hrs in Oven 154° Not So plastic as #20 Try again

#22

Same as above #21 with addition of — 1/2 of Victoria Blue - Melt the Tetra & the #2 Solvent & the Color together let Solution settle down then add Shellac.
~~Light~~ when Cold is Colored Green - Looks Sunbeam & Few Pin Holes
Believe the Sunbeam begin to show up when the temp is Raised above 250°. this was up to 166°

Entd P.M.
JUL 10 1911

Sample # 23

J. N. Shellac — 10
Tetra chlor-Naph — 4

Solvent Mixtures

Tetra-chlor-Naph — 10 Parts
Benzoic Acid — 1/2 "
Zinc acetate — 1 "
Heated up to 425° about 1/2 hr.

#5

Tetra chlor-Naph — 10
Zinc acetate — 1
Pyrogalic Acid — 1/4
Temp. 275°
Pyrogalic acid clears the mixture and hardens it —
Would not all dissolve add
Rosslic acid — 4
Would not all dissolve
filter, quite a come muck over — #6

Entd P.M.
JUL 11 1911

Sample 24

J. N. Shellac — 10 Parts
Tetra-chlor-Naph — 3 "
Phenol. tribromatic — 1/2 "
Blue Color — 1/128
Temp 282°
Fluid enough to filter at 270°
Hardens quick

Solvent Mixtures

Tetra-Chlor-Nap	10
Benzoic Acid	½
Antimony Sulphide	

M. ½ "

Tetra-Chlor-Nap	10
Zinc Acetate	1
Benzamide	1

#7

Tetra Chlor Nap	10
Zinc Acetate	1
Perchlor Benzol	1

#8

Tetra chlor-Nap	10
Zinc Acetate	1
Benzamide	½

Mot clear Solution Filter

#9

Solvent Mixtures

Tetra-Chlor-Nap	10
Paraaminophenol	½
Zinc Acetate	1

A Residue that wont develop

#10 M. G

Tetra-Chlor-Nap	10
Trichlor Phenol	1
Paraamidophenol	½

M. G

Sample #25

#5 Solvent Mixture	4
Shellac	10

Little Blue Color

Phthalic Acid 1 Part

T. N. Shellac 1 9/16 to 1 1/4 "

are the best proportions

Producing a mass that crystalizes

in about ½ hr. when button ⅛ inch thick

is poured and is fairly tough & dry.

11th

#1

Tetra-chl-Naps 8 parts
Phenol-Resin 4 "
Temp. 325°

#2

Tetra-C-N- 8 parts
Phenol-R 8 "
Temp. 350°

#3

Tetra-Chl-Naps- 8 parts
Phenol-R- 12 "
Temp- 350°

#4

Tetra chlo Naps 8
Phenol-R- 16
Temps- 350°

#5

Tetra-chlo-Naps- 8
Phenol-R. 20
Temp 350°

#6

Tetra chlor-Naps 8
Phenol-R- 24
Temp-270

11th

#7

Tetra chlor-Naps- 8 parts
Phenol-R- 24 "
Benzoic acid 1 "
temp 280°

#8

Tetra-chlor-naps- 8 parts
Phenol-R- 24 "
Benzoic acid 2 "
temp 160°

#9

Tetra chlor-Naps- 8 parts
Phenol-R- 24 "
Benzoic acid 4 "
temp 250°

#13

#6 1 Part
Camphor 1/4 "
Shellac 1/2 "

#14

#5 1 Part
Camphor 1/4 "

#15

#5 1 Part
Camphor 1/2

#16

#5 — 1 Part
Resorsine — 1/4 "
Clear, Beautiful, Pink-cream - little soft

#17

#4 — 1 1/4 Part
Resorsine — 1/4
Brittle - little sticky

#18

#4 — 1 1/4
Shellac — 1 "

#19

Zitra — 8 parts
Phenol - R. — 12 "

12th Sample #20

#4 — 8 parts
Sample #16 — 6 "
Hard - But too Brittle

#20x

Oleamide — 1 Part
#5 — 3 "
Clear Mass - Brittle

12th #20xx

Zitra-chlor-Naps — 1 Part
Oleamide — 1 "
add another — 1 "
the addition of Oleamide reduces the mass to a soft stickymass

#24

#19 — 8 Parts
Amchusin - alkemin — 1/4 "
Tacky - Its Tenacity

#26

Zitra-chlor-Naps — 1 Part
Reclaimed Rubber — 1 "
Shell — 1 "

#27

Zitra-chlor-Naps — 1 Part
R. R. Rex — 1 "
Zinc acetic — 1/64 "
Shell — 1 "

12th #28

Tetra chlor. Naps. 1 Part
R.B.R. Rex 1 "
Shellac 1½ "

temp 290°

Hard Brittle

add more Shell - less brittle

" " " temp 325°

Very little Smear - not enough tenacity - little soft

#29

Tetra-chlor-Naps. 1 Part
Phenol-R 1 "
Shell 4 "

Fluid enough at 325°

Hard — Brittle

add 1/28 part of aniline Black

12th #30

Tetra-chlor-Naps 1 Part
Phenol-R 1 "
Shell 5 "

temp 325°

Brittle - No tenacity

add Fat aniline Black

less Brittle

#31

Tetrachlor-Naps - 1 Part
Phenol-R 1 "
Shell 6 "

Liquid enough - No smear very few Pin-holes

add Fat aniline Black

less brittle

12th #32

Tetra-chlor-Naph	8 parts
Phenol-R	16 "
Castor oil-acid	1 "

little sticky

#33

Tetra-chlor-Naph	8 parts
Phenol-R	16 "
Castor oil-acid	4 "

very liquid
more sticky

#34

Tetra-chlor-Naph	8 parts
Phenol-R	16 "
Phthalic acid	2 "

Brittle - little sticky

13th #34

#20xx	1 Part
Shellac	3 "

#35

Shellac	10
Phenol R	4
Tetra-chlor-Phenol	4
Victoria Blue	1/32

temp 325°

fluid enough, Jem-Waxy Spots
Run temp to 360°
Does not condense
very fluid

#36

Shellac	6 Parts
Tetra-chlor-Naph	1 "
Phenol-R	1 "
Jet auribin	1/32

temp 325-0.

12th #37

Shellac	20 Parts
Tetrachlor-Naps	6 "
Phenol-R	1 "
Purple Color	1/16 "
Phthalic acid	1/8 "

Temp. 300°

less Smear
" Pin Holes
" Bubble than #37

#39

Shell —	2 Parts
Tetrachlor-Naps	7
Phenol-R	1
Phthalic acid	1/2
Purple Color	1/16

temp 300° to 320°

More Smear & Pin holes when higher heating

13th #41

Tetrachlor-Naps	1 Part
Phenol-R	1 "
Shell —	4 "
Phthalic acid	1/16 "
Victoria Blue	1/32 "

310° Heat
Very little Smear
Few Pin holes

#42

Tetra-chlor-Naps	1 Parts
Mono-chlor-Toluol	1/4 "
Phenol-R	1 "
Victoria Blue	1/32 "
Shell —	4

temp 300°

add more Toluol makes
Extra liquid
Resulting mass is Right

13th #43

Tetra-chlor-naph	1 Part
Phenol-R	3/4 "
Nitro Toluol	1/2 "
Victoria Blue	1/128 "
Shellac	5 —

Not So Brittle as #42
Judsmear Smears
Gets Bubbles

13th #45

Tetra chlor Naph	1 Part
Phenol-R	3/8 "
Nitro Toluol	1/8 "
Victoria Blue	1/64 "
Shell	6 "

temps up to 340°
thin enough to filter
Harder than #44

#44

	Parts
Tetra-Chlor-Naph	1 1/4
Phenol-R	3/4 "
Nitro-Toluol	1/4 "
Victoria Blue	1/64 "
Shell	5 —

Extra fluid at 300°
Can Stand for more Shell
Very Hard & Tough
more horny than #45

#46

Tetra-chlor-Naph	1
Phenol R	3/4
Nitro Toluene	1/8
Victoria Blue	1/128
Shellac	5 —

More Brittle than #45
no Smears no Pinholes

13th

#47

Tetra chlor-Nap.	1 Part
Phenol-R	3/4 "
Nitro Toluene	1/8 "
Shell	5—

Melt tetra - Phenol + Toluene when temp is 300° add Shell Stir by stirrer raise temp to 320° this allows the mixture to keep fluid as soon as the last Shell has been added Raise temp to 340° Fluid enough to filter

Very Hard - clear - tough almost green brown smears & Paige Holes of 12 thickness Cracks O.K.

at 114° heat it softens enough to make impression

#48

Tetra chlor-Nap	1 Part
Phenol. R	3/4 "
Nitrotoluene	1/8"
Shellac	5— "

#49

Tetra - chlor-Nap.	1 Part
Phenol-R	3/4 "
Benz Phenol	1/8 "
Shell	4 1/2 "

#50

Tetra-Chlor-Nap-	1 Part
Phenol-R.	3/4 "
Dinitrophenol	1/8"
Shell	5—

Just liquid enough at 325°

14th #51

Titan chlor-Naph.	1 Part
Phenol-R.	3/4 "
Phthalic Acid	1/8 "
Victoria Blue	1/32 "
Shellac	1/2 "

temp 300°

Some Bubbles

#52

Titan chlor-Naph.	1 Part
Phenol R.	1 "
Mono-chlor-Toluene	1/2 "
Victoria Blue	1/32 "
Shellac	1/2 "

14th #53

Titan chlor-Naph	1 Part
Phenol-R	3/4 "
Mono-chlor-Toluene	1/2
Victoria Blue	1/64 "
Shellac	1/4

Temp 300 to 320°

Very Hard - quite tough

Not much Smears

Some Blow Holes

#54

Titan chlor-Naph.	1 Part
Phenol-Resin	1 "
Mono-chlor-Toluol	1 "
Victoria Blue	1/64
Melt + acid Shellac	5 "

14th #55

Amyl Acetate	1/2 Part
Ethenol R.	1 "
Mono-chlor Toluol	1 "
Shellac	5 "

Much too Soft

#56

Repeated #44 with the addition of little Victoria Blue — was very fluid at 318° Quite free from Bubbles

14th #57

Mono-chlor Toluol	1 Part
Ethenol-R.	1 "
Amyl acetate	1/4 "
Shellac	4

Very Good Sample try this on Cylinder is little Plastic but May evaporate amyl-acetate by baking the blanks

14th #58

Mono-chlor-Toluol	1 Part
Tetra-chlor-Nap	1/4 "
Phenol-R	1/4 "
Amyl Acetate	1/4 "
Shelle	4 1/2

Shows up Smears — no doubt due to the addition of the Tetra-Nap

#59

Monochlor Toluol	1
Phenol R.	1
Shell	2

Pretty fair Mass Little Smears
Add Nitro-Benzole and it minimizes very fluid and elliminates the Smears But makes mass Elastic
Addition of more Shellac makes more brilliant & compact

14 #60

Phenol R	1 Parts
Mono-chlor Toluol	1/4 "
Nitro Benzole	1/16 "
Shell	2 "

Very Hard & Clear — But too Brittle addition of more Benzol makes too soft — 120° temp.

#61

Phenol R	1
Mono-chlor Toluol	1/2
Nitro Benzole	1/2
Shell —	3

Too Soft

62

Phenol R.	1 Part
Mono-chlor-Toluol	1/4 "
Nitro Benzole	1/2 "
Shell	3

Temp. 280° Very liquid
Some Bubbles

63

Phenol R.	3/4
Mono-chlor-Toluol	1/4
Nitro Benzol	1/8 "
Shell	2

Temp. 300 -

64

Phenol R.	1 Part
Mono-chlor-Toluol	1/2 "
Nitro Benzol	1/8 "
Shell	2

Victoria Blue
Liquid at 300°

65

Phenol R	1 Part
Mono-chlor Toluol	1/2 "
Nitro Benzol	3/16
Shell	2

Melt to Boiling - add Shell
in very small quantities
temp 320° Very liquid

Does not soften at 120°

try another with
more Benzo

Ent'd P.M.
JUL 17 1911

#66

Phenol-Resin	1 Part
Mono-chlor-Toluol	½ "
Dinitrobenzol	¼ "
Shellac	1 "

Melt the first 3. boil about 3 minutes add Shellac
Radioactivity - Temp - 300° C. Few Bubbles - Liquid - no lights
Result - Very little smears - Viscous - Knobs - Hard - but brittle

67

Phenol-Resin	1 Part
Mono-chlor-Toluol	½ "
Dinitrobenzol	½ "
Shellac	2 "

Same as above
Result - Too plastic - no tenacity

68

Dinitrobenzol	1
Balata	¼
Shellac	?

Temp. 300° to 320° C.
Very patronizing mass - try again

Ent'd P.M.
JUL 17 1911

Nitronaphthalene	1 Part
Balata	¼ "
Shellac	4 "
" another	1 "

Looks good. Very liquid all through in all proportions of Shellac
Result - a tough hard mass the nature of which is that it can be indented with a point if pressure is applied slowly but will chip off if applied quickly. Seems not to have quite enough tenacity. Looks fair. No Smears - No Bubbles - Very liquid

70

Nitronaphthalene	1 Part
Balata	¼ "
Shellac	5 "

Same as 69 except that this is made in less time - the Shellac being added as soon as it melted
Result - Same as #69

71

Nitronaphthalene 1 Part
Balata 1/8 "
Shellac 1/8 "

RCVD P.M.
JUL 17 1911

Melt & bring to Boil - then add Shellac 4 "
Temp. 300° Liquid enough for Bubbles.

Result. When set cold is plastic enough for finger nail mark But cuts like Horn - is tenacious enough - Make Handles

72

Dinitrobenzol 1 Part
Balata 1/8 "
Dissolves - but not quite as fine as with the Nitronaphthalene

73

Dinitrobenzol 1 Part
Balata 1/2 "
Shellac 3 "

RCVD P.M.
JUL 17 1911

Very Liquid
Result Rubbery mass -

74

Nitrochlorbenzol 1 Part
Balata 1/2 "
Shellac 3 "

Result - too Soft. Plastic -

75

Nitronaphthalene 1 Part
Balata 1/2 "
Shellac 5 "

was Very liquid when the 5 parts of Shellac was added so added 1 more than part of Shell the Sample was still too plastic added 1 more shell until 13 parts were added and could hardly use to coat them if filtered, think that 10 parts would be about as much as possible to filter.

73

Dinitrobenzol 1 Part
Balata 1/2 "
Shellac ? 3

add Shellac until it is liquid enough when temp. is 300° Looks good -

Cold Solution Records #1
not numbered

Rec'd P.M.
JUL 27 1911

Pressed 7 Records for Mr. Edison which were Montana Blanks coated over with alcohol—Shellac Solution, the 7 blanks so coated looked nice + glossy when just coated + when they had been in oven tenths 114 to 120° for 1 hour they began to show pits—pin holes and tiny blisters! pressed on Redond. after 3 hrs. heating

Result—the Blank coating was not flat. it did show some Pin-like depressions—due to the Coating displacing itself during the course of evaporating the Solvent. these Pin-like depressions could be noticed upon the pressed Records, otherwise the Record pressed as nicely as any with Hot Dope coatings Left 6 of the Blanks in the oven all night. temp 114 to

#1

120° and then pressed them into records, which all turned out good—no blisters—no dents—no Blind-spots. no smears—no Jiffie marks

Result the Records so made look very good and could be made in practice—further test required—

~~Cold Solution Records #1~~

Rec'd P.M.
JUL 28 1911

4 more blanks were in oven at 114° to 120° for 48 hrs. and placed in oven at 140 to 150° for 14 hrs. more and this morning pressed—

Remark the Blanks were not coated smoothly—after all the seasoning the Coating did not improve—there were Pin-holes + tiny Blisters all over—the coating did not lay flat,

Result—Blind Spots + Pitted on all pressed Records—But films is tougher and adheres to Montana better. Matrices were 140° Hot, Blanks—same—

#2

Received 24 13 Blanks
Coated with Cold Solution
Placed them in Oven
at 10.00 a.m. Temp. 90°
" 11.00 " " 100°
" 12.00 M. " 120°
" 1.00 P.M. " 124°
Blank Coating looks just as glossy
as when first put in oven
at 2. P.M. Temp.- 132°
Blanks begin to show some
tiny blisters
at 2.30 Pressed 4 Records
with Number #2A.
at 4.00 Temp.- 132°
at 5.00 " 142°
at 5.45 Pressed 4 Records
with Number #2B
Left Blanks in oven over night temp.
between 132° & 124°
at 10.00 A.M. temp 122° at 11.00 temp 140°
Pressed 4 Records with number #2C
at 1.30 Temp 150° Matrices temp 150°
Pressed 5 Records with Nos 2D & 1 Special.
Coated with Purified Shellac with No 2DD

See page XX three sheets over →

Sample #76

Nitronaphthalene	1 Part
R. R. Rex.	1/4"
Shellac	5"

Melt the 1st two to boiling
then add Shell gradually
Temp 290°
Melt 1st two to boiling and allow
to clear of Bubbles then add Shel
Result Too Soft at 110°

#77

Too Soft at 110° Temp

Nitronaphthalene	1 Part
R. R. R	3/8"
Shellac	7"

Temp up to 325°
would filter
Sample looks good try to coat Blanks

Nitronaphthalene	1 Part
Remarks. Shellac - Semi Plastic & Resilient	1 "
" Same Nature little harder	1 "
" Cures over night Room	1 "
" begins to with just two Acids Brittle	1 "
" Best for Records	1 "
" "	1 " #78

#19

Dinitronaphthalene 1 Part
Shellac 1 "

Rec'd P.M. JUL 19 1911

Sets quick to Hard
brittle mass

Shellac — another 1 "
Hard & a shade plastic

Shell — another 1 "
Harder & a shade plastic

Shell — another 1 "
Harder & a shade plastic

As Compared with Plain Shellac it is not so hard and not so brittle as Plain Shellac —
4 Parts Shellac is all that will go in the temp is 320° when it is fluid enough to filter

The Mononitronaphthalene seems to be the better of the two because it dissolves more Shellac and consequently a tougher mass

One advantage with the dinitro is that the mixture is hard and set as soon as cold

#3

Rec'd P.M. JUL 19 1911

Received 6 Blanks Coated with Cold Solution as follows: 1 St coat is with Pyridine addition to the Shellac Solution: then 4 coats of plain Shellac solution in alcohol put in Oven at 2.15 P.M. Temp 1.20 — at 5.30 Temp. 130°

See page AX.3 shellac oven →

Rec'd P.M. JUL 20 1911

at 8.15. temp 138°
at 9.00 " 142° pressed

Three Records — will number #3

Moulded a Record with matrix as hot as 140° and another with the same matrix 110° but the latter Record showed a more glossy surface and just as perfect in every other respect therefore 110° to 120° Heat for the Matrices will be Right — lower than 110° the Blank becomes chilled before the Record impression is fully moulded.

The Blanks after 48 hrs in Oven require higher temp than one for only a few hrs: 140° the lowest 160° highest

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JUL 19 1911

#80

Phenol tribromoacetal	1 Part
Shellac (Gunny)	1 "
" (cuts and bends)	1 "
" (begins to show brittleness)	1 "
" (limit of shellac, Hard enough - little plastic and brittle	1 "
Shell " Too much Bubbles & brittleness - Butt very fine	1 "

Glossy Compact Mass - Very much like Plain Shellac in toughness & hardness - After Investigating the Cost of Phenol tribromoacetal and the price to be billed $5.00 per 2½ lbs.

#81

Nitronaphthalene	1
R. R. Rex	½
Shell	6

82

Nitronaphthalene	½
Di " "	½
R. R. Rex	½
Shellac	6

83

Nitronaphthalene	1
Di " "	½
Shellac	6

Temp. 300°. Liquid enough - Result, Mass is too Soft. Cuts like horn if very thin chip is cut, but cutting deep it Breaks away. it will bend if pressure is applied slowly, about absolutely it will break. Quite Smooth Blow holes. Has surface of Good quality - Celluloid - like -

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#2

Ent'd P.M. JUL 20 1911

at 8.15 a.m. Temp. 138°
at 10.00 " " 152°
Pressed 5 Records — one with Matrix about 140°. Hot the other down about 110°. the lower Heated matrices produced Records with a considerable more gloss than with the hotter Matrix. the Magnifying glass shows that the lower heated matrices did chill the Blank coating before a full impression of the Record was made therefore 110° Hot for the matrix is not enough.
This lot of 5 Records will #2 E

21st at 8. a.m. Temp 148°
at 10.30 " 142°
Pressed two last Records of this lot the matrices were 140°
the first Blank pressed which was 142° cracked open, was not plastic enough — And the Record impression is not quite sharp. Will number #2 F
The last Blank temp 160° Matrix 140°
Record Moulded perfectly Will No# 2 EF

When last two have been Given 70 Revs.

#4

Ent'd P.M. JUL 20 1911

1st Coat Flamed Blanks
6 Blanks coated by H. Ott let stand in open air 4 hrs. then Heated over flame
Will Number #4
finished Coated & placed in oven at P.M.

21st a 8.15 a.m. Temp - 148°
at 1.P.M " 160°
Matrix temp 140°
Pressed one Record. Looks Perfect #4

Pressed another. Blank temp 165 - # 4A
Matrix 140° Good Record

3.P.M Pressed another Blank 165
Matrix 140° Good Record #4B

Pressed another. Blank 165°
Matrix 140° Good Record # 4.C

Pressed other Blank 165°
Matrix 140° Good Record #4.D

Pressed last Blank 165°
Matrix 140° #4E

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Rec'd P.M. JUL 21 1911

Continued — 6 Pyridine Coated —

Pressed one Record. temp of Blank 150° —— temp of Matrix 150°

Blank was Kept at heated four 45 hours at temps ranging from 120° to 150°.

Result Record has full sharp impression But the Surface is Matt. will Number # 3 A

The pyridine 1st Coat does not fix it to the Moisture.

Pressed another - Blank temp 138° Matrix temp 130°

Result. Sharp impression at one End, the tittle end Record not quite sharp will number # 3 B

Pressed the last blank temp 160° Matrix 140°. will No # 3 C

#5

Rec'd P.M. JUL 21 1911

4 Carbon Tetrachlor First Coat Put in oven at P.M. 20th temp 130°

Pressed first Record at 1. P.M. temp 165° Matrix temp 140° #5

Pressed another Blank temp 170° Matrix temp 140° —— #5A

Blank was hotter at the large end The Title End Record impression is not quite sharp

Pressed another Blank temp 152° #5B Matrix 132°

Blank was hotter at large end — was altogether too Cold. It cracked in Expanding

at 2.30 Blank temp 170° Matrix " 130° #5C

Pressed Record - Tittle end of the Record is not pressed sharp Due to Matrix being too Cold

#6

Ent'd P.M. JUL 22 1911

13 Blanks coated in Regular Way & last Coat just furnished —
Placed in oven temp. 140°
at 12. M. temp. 152°
at 2. P.M temp 160°
Pressed 1st Record with #6
at 2.30 temp 162°
Pressed another — # 6A
at 3.00 temp 160°
Pressed another #6B
at 4.00 temp 162
Pressed another # 6C
at 4.30 temp - 165° #6D
at 5.00 temp 160 — #6E

Ent'd P.M. JUL 24 1911

at 8.00 a.m. temp. 120° Closed room & over to Raise temp. 165°
Note the Blank at 120° Not is Hard enough to be self sustaining. and at that temp. a record would not destroy itself.
at 1.10 d a.m. Inoculated 9 Records with the above Blank which Remained Hot 24 hours at 150° to 155° and 24 hours at 150° to 160° — All of the Blanks pressed good with the matrices at 140° to 150° Hot
Have noticed that when a blank has been heated only 24 hours it may be moulded at a lower temp, than when the Blank has been heated 48 hours —
the 9 Records mentioned in this Item will be numbered #6 H

Have noticed that the chilling of the record must not be applied too early after the pressure has been taken on July because the film of lac will not adhere to the montane core in spots. after the pressure has been thrown on it must remain at least ½ minute before the cooling jackets are applied

Mr Edison gave me instructions to Stop Inoculating for the time being and Get up the Rheostat pressing Plant in #4 Building for a Capacity of 1000 Records Per day

Rec'd P.M. JUL 26 1911

These Blanks were coated last night

11 Blanks made from new Mould — they measure across the Centre after Varnished 2.147" ——— Remark. — it was intended that they should be larger than that.

Put in Oven at 9 a.m. at 9.45 Temp was 150°
Started to press the Records at 11 P.M. Temp. of Blanks 160° Temp. of Matrix 150°
will Number #7

One Blank coated this morning — Colored pumpkin will Number #7.A

One Blank Coated this morning Colored with Oil Black D. 347 Will No #7B

Showed Mr. Biermann a sketch and explained a new method of applying Varnish to Moutane Blanks by means of spraying with atomizer.

Rec'd P.M. AUG 1 1911

Remark —
Aside from the lac Varnish not sticking to the Montane base or Cylinder — the lac Varnish when dried forms a very brittle film — when the finished record is dropped upon a hard sharp brass the lac film will peel off

If the film was tougher it would not crack open to peel off so the record would thereby be improved —

The film should be made more tenacious without destroying its hardness — it must not be plastic nor sticky —

To-morrow will undertake to incorporate Gum Elemi with the regular lac Varnish. — tried to dissolve Elemi with the same Alcohol that dissolves the Shellac — Don't obtain a clear sol.

Manila Elemi 10g melt and bring to boil temp 358° for about 5 minutes then turn into Cold water to form small tears: the result is a clear gum During the boiling a peculiar odor like lemon oil smelling sour like acetic or citric acid

Some of the above treated gum in same alcohol as used for shellac form a turbid mass of white lumps + flakes that floats to about ⅛ the whole Evaporating some of the clear solution form a film that is not at all clear and gathers in blotches

Mix some of this clear sol. with lac Varnish causes the Varnish to dry unevenly — crinkled

Tried Alcohol-Elemi Solution with the addition of Sul. Ether only a Smaller percentage of Ether will cause all the floating white substance to dissolve — but Evaporating this solution upon glass a clear film is not obtained

Adding some to regular lac Varnish makes the whole Varnish turbid and will not dry out Smooth.

Amyl Acetate added to lac Varnish does mix to produce a clear film but does not harden quick enough. Probably a very small quantity could together the lac Varnish some but may reduce its hardness.

Ent'd P.M.
AUG 4 1911

Made Solution of I. N. Lac in Amyl-Alcohol - let stand until well dissolved This seems to dissolve pretty much all the Lac—

Ent'd P.M.
AUG 5 1911

Mixed fused Mexican Elemi with Amyl alcohol let stand until well dissolved

Ent'd P.M.
AUG 18 1911

Since the date on page 5th Have been busy fitting up de Record for photographing in #24 Building - Have succeeded in getting a camera to operate in connection with a Blank and Jones timer on and time the opening discharge with a exposure time of 1/2 seconds - In the meantime I am engaged in having a total of 250 seconds this is sufficient to be recycled up through the day -

Coated 12 Blanks with Pyroxaline solution in Ac. W. alcohol (Coopers) as follows:

12 Shellac coated Blanks same as used for Records at present, applied a coating of the above solution with a brush when Blank was about blood-heat and placed in oven at 90° for 14 hrs. and then carried to pressing plant - put in oven at 140° for 1.15 minutes and pressed with matrices at 140° and 112 to 113 lbs pressure - pressure turned on 15 seconds - and 1½ minute pressure then apply cold for 2 minutes & extract - looks very good

Records Will be numbered

#8-23-11

Coated 24 Blanks (Shellac coated) same as Regulars - With Pyroxaline solution same as yesterday - put in oven at 90° for 24 hrs. then transferred to pressing Oven Heated to 180° and moulded after 1½ hr heating - some of the blanks became too Hot and crinkled some of the film coating.

There will be numbered

#8-24-11

Result - Surface smoother than Plain Lac - But not enough to be remarkable as a very decided improvement. the Record however is more Brilliant - glossy - looks better as a finished article

Rec'd P.M. AUG 25 1911

Mr. Ellsworth reported to me that the Lac Record would not stand the 110° F. test. He mentioned that the Record flattened after having been subjected to that temperature several times of 1 hour intervals - that is one hour at 110° and 1 hour normal temp.

Dr. Leslie reported to me that the Lac Record was flattened at 110° F. Also that the Record wears well had played one over 900 times.

Mr. Ellsworth told me he was to have procured and made a sample of wax of higher melting point with object to overcome the heat test difficulty

Rec'd P.M. AUG 28 1911

Pressed 16 Records with blanks measuring - when cold - 2.163" Dia. at large end. Diameter of Regular blanks which measured 2.150" - The larger blanks show to be an improvement to the surface - the resulting Record surface is smoother. In practice that Brainerd blank is too large. most of this lot had to be forced into the matrix to locate them - So ordered 15 new moulds made of master wax cylinders 2.178" Dia. at large end. these will shrink .027" in the process of Electro-plating. Expect to have mould that will measure 2.171"

Coated 24 Hardened Montana Cylinders. Made moulds. 2.185" with hypo silicone solution - one coating - See next page for next operation -

Rec'd P.M. AUG 29 1911

Rec'd P.M. AUG 30 1911

Pressed Records with Elworth's mixture of Montana to Race Melting point. Blanks were Coated with lac Solution same as ham ham produced. Dried in oven 130° temp. about 20 hours then placed in oven 160° to 168° in 50 minutes the Blanks are as soft as would be practical to use. The pressure was 1500 lbs/Hommite then applied the cooling for 1½ minute — the Rebult was that the largest percentage of the Records came out of the Moulds with the finish of lac loosened from the base — some portion would blister off.

Showed the Result to Mr Byer He sent for Mr Elsworth from him the suggestion came to give the Blank a first layer of Balata solution then apply the lac Coatings

Rec'd 3 P.M. AUG 30 1911

Applied Second Coating of Pyroxaline Solution to the 24 Blanks started yesterday. Noticed that the first coating after drying 20 hrs. room temperature the Surface was Rough — Enough so that the hand could feel the small particles therefore gave the blanks a Rubbing with cloth before applying the 2nd Coat.

2 hrs. later applied another Coat.

Coated 12 Blank with Mixture of Pyroxiline Solution 25%
Shellac solution 75%

Rec'd

Coated 12 Blanks with Mixture of Pyroxiline Solution 20%
Lac Solution 80%

Rec'd SEP 11 1911

After several Experiments in pressing Records have found that the troublesome Film Brake is due to the Blank being to cold — not Plastic enough — to render the film of shellac soft enough to mould or stretch — it brakes open instead of stretching to fill the mould — If the mould is too cold when the Blank is supposedly Hot enough — the same trouble happens — as soon as the film touches the cold mould the film of Lac chills and brakes open.

I have over come the film brake by heating the Moulds to 160° to 170° and the blank in oven temp 170° to 180° — With this method another trouble appears that is air spots — I find that the air spots are caused by the film of lac sticking to the Hot mould so much that it does not allow the air to escape — the High spots of the blank naturally touching the ornatrix before the low spots the air in the low spots are consequently imprisoned —

To over come this defect a higher melting Varnish must be found or a Varnish of such nature that it will not stick to the Hot mould enough to prevent the air from passing out

Entd ...
SEP 12 1911

Moulded a tray of Records made by giving the Regular Blanks a Finish coat of # 9/8/11 Varnish & # 9/11/11 to the blank Surface Looks Very good - no bubbles and no streaks. Inspection of the above lot of Records showed a much higher percentage of O.K. Records than when Shellac only is used for the film coating. But the smoothness is not all that is desired and they do not stand the High temp- test according to Zeiler

Entd ...
SEP 15 1911

gave Bally some Powder and with my experience in using it with shellac told him that it was suitable in alcohol and showed me with the Lac to Raise the melting point and also to render the shellac more permanent and harder

Entd ...
SEP 16 1911

Received 4 of the new Rubber Expanders - the Change made was simply thickning of the wall at lower end and a projecting lip also at the lower end for the purpose of better holding the Expander in proper position - The thickning of the wall is intended to allow expansion or inflation at the middle much sooner to compel the air to be squeezed out from between the Blank Record & the Matrix

Entd ...
SEP 18 1911

Made Varnish of Pyroxiline & Powder & Castor mixes Very good - produces a clear film of good quality which does not melt at 325° F. But becomes sufficiently plastic to mould, the more Powder added the more Brittle the film becomes

Ent'd SEP 18 1911

Pressed 1 tray of Blanks prepared in the usual way having 5 Coats of Shellac Varnish and after the last coat was applied and dried for Half ½ hr applied another Coat of Varnish #9/8/11 The Records pressed out fine without air Spots nor film-breakes. this is the Second time I have tested the moulding quality of Blank having a top Lacer or Coat of Pyroxaline Solution and it absolutely prevents air spots — Due to the fact that the pyroxaline does not stick to the Hot matrix.

Ent'd SEP 25 1911

Ordered Some Blank from Fred Ott Coated as follows — Spray Varnish upon Mouthpiece cylinders one Coat and put in drying Room for one day & Spray another Coat and put into drying Room again for one day and replat again the next day. The object is to allow each Coat to thoroughly dry before the application of another.

Found that Varnished blank having dried for 6 or 7 days will mould with less air-Spots than when the Blanks have dried only 1 or 2 days probably due to the fact that the Solvent is more thoroughly evaporated and is less sticky to the mould when pressing —

Entd SEP 26 1911

pressed more Blanks into Records which blanks were coated over the Regular lac Coatings and to finish coating of Pyroxiline solution the Result was again that no air spots shows on the Records. No doubt due to the fact that the pyroxiline does not attack to the Hot matrix

Ordered some more blanks with a finish coat of pyroxiline

Entd SEP 27 1911

Pressed Records Blanks made of 5 coats hand brush #1 Varnish Montana Corp from Moulds 2-17-9 — Dryed 6-7-8-12 days Matrix temp. 160° to 170° — Softening oven 165° to 172° Pressure 1300 lbs Raised from 10 to 15 Seconds — 3½ minutes Hot pressure & 1 m. Cooling 15 seconds for changing & 15 " for Discharging making total of 5 minutes good Records Percentage of O.K. Eye Inspec. " " " " Phonetab

Rec'd ... SEP 28 1911

Experiment of Sand papering the Varnished Blanks after Varnish is thoroughly dryed

Blanks from Moulds #170

#1 Varnished 1 Coats - in drying Room - Sand papered on this date with #1 Glint paper -

One sheet of sand paper will do for 10 Blanks And 10 Blank may be polished in 5 minutes

On Sept 29th a.m. applied one Coat #1 Varnish with Hand Brush & put in drying Room.

Rec'd ... OCT 3 1 1911

A P 1 Prime Coat Blank

Benzole 6 Parts } 1 Part
Rosin 2 " }

Aceton 6 Parts } 1 Part
Reg. Amb. wax Copal 1 Part }

Regular Amb. wax # A. P. 2

Benzol - Rosin same as above 1/3 Part
Aceton - Copal " " 2/3 "

A. P. 3

Aceton - Copal add about 1/8 Benzole

	Parts
Shellac	40
Rosin	10
Copal	20
Manila Elemi	5
Accroid	10

Melt & boil for 10 minutes

4 Parts of Chill Stumbrit mixture # 11-24-11
/

try to dissolve #11-24-11 in Ab. W. Alc.
Does not make clear Solution

	Parts
Denatured Alcohol	2 Parts
Benzol	2 "
Acetone	1 "

To dissolve # 11-24-11
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Raw Mountain Wax 3 parts
Elaterite 1 "
Good Soft Cutting Wax

	Parts
Montan (Raw)	700
Rosin	200

Melt & Raise temp to 500° & filter
V2

Montan (Raw)	1000
Rosin (Dark)	500
Ceresin	250
Superrefined Beeswax	200

V3

Montan (Raw)	700
Rosin (Dark)	200
Other Ceresin	100
Superrefined Carnauba	75

V4

Ent'd
DEC 2 1911

Rosin (Dark 300
Gilsonite 100
Mountain (crude) 1,000
Inf. Earth 150
V5 more — 50

Ent'd
DEC 2 1911

Take # V3 1000
add Mountain 1000
Inf. Earth 50

#V6

Take # V6 1000
Mountain 1000
Inf. Earth 100
#V7

Ent'd
DEC 4 1911

Dark Rosin 300

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V 7 — 1000 Parts
Inf. Earth
Will # V8

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Raw Mountain
Boiled & filtered
Temp. about 350° F.
V 9

Raw Mountain 10 Parts
Dark Cork Dust 3 "
Mixes with some parts light enough to float and some Heavy enough to sink. Result is a mass with no more flexibility than plain Mountain

Montan (Crude) 5-00
Acervicols 1-00
Rain 5-0

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Only 25 parts of ingredients to commence

#V10

Montan 5-00
Acervicols 1-00
Rosin 5-0
Surf Earth 1-00

#V12

Montan 1 0 0
Gum Elemi 1 0
Hardens the Montan a very
Considerable
try more Elemi

Montan 1 00
Elemi 20

2 mi Wax 1 00
D. Rosin (Boiled) 3 0
Flock 8
Chalk 2 0
Earth (Infusorial) 6

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#M2

4 mi Wax 1000
D. Rosin 300
Flock 70
Chalk 200
Infusorial Earth 60

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#M3

Rain Montan 5-00
Dark Rosin 3-00
Raise temp to 500°
for 15 minutes - add
4 mi Wax 5-00
Flock 70
Chalk 200
Infuso. Earth 60

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#M4

Raw Mountain	400
Rosin (Dark)	400
4 mi Wax	400
Flock	70
Chalk	200
Infusio-Earth	60

M. 5

Raw Mountain	400
Rosin	300
4 mi wax	400
Flock	70
Chalk	250
Infusio-Earth	50

M. 6

Dodds Mountain	300
Flock	24
Chalk	50

M. 7

Dodds Mountain	1000
Flock	75
Infusorial Earth	120

M 8

Dodds Mountain	600
Flock	20
Magnesium Carbonate	40

M. 9 Mg. Carbonate Don't mix good the mass is mealy

Dodds Mountain	2000
Flock (new)	60

M 10

Above mix	666
Rotten Stone	100

M 11

#M10 — 666
Chalk 100
Earth 30

#M12

#M10 — 666
Talk -200

#M13 Mich. Pin Holes + does not mix well —

Dodd Mountain 500
Flock (new) 15
P. Paris 25-0

#M14

Dodds Mountain 500
Flock (new) 17½
P. Paris 160
Impsio-Earth 40

#M15

Rosin 1 Part
Gilsonite 1 "
Melt to 450° + Pour off

#M16 Rosin - Gilsonit

Dodds Mountain 500
Rosin - Gilsonit 50
Flock (new) 18
P. Paris 160
Impsio - Earth 40

#M16

Dodds Mountain 500
Rosin - Gilsonit 50
Flock 16
P. Paris 200
Imp. Earth 24

#M17

Acetic Acid Bowlus #365 Compound
Shell - Ultra-chlor - Neg. + Zinc

Dodd's Mountain 700
Rosin 200
Flint 25
Chalk 175

#M 18

Dodds Mountain 500
Rosin

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observations concerning
Shellac.

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Of all the samples tried I have found a similarity of product.

One sample may be more easily dissolved than another and may melt at lower temperature.

My reason for this difference is that the more easily soluble sample is younger than the less soluble - the same applies to its melting point. as the Shellac ages it looses its Volatile matter, which in fact is the component part of the Shellac that attacks the Resin & gums when heated or when alcohol or similar liquids is added to dissolve out the resinous content of the Shellac.

Another Reason: Shellac is not always stored under the same atmospheric conditions - a dry atmosphere will draw the Volatile matter of the Shellac sooner than in damp or moist.

I have taken from the same package Shellac (Quality, Orange) from one

side of the bag which would fuse, melt or melt under the same treatment as a portion taken from the opposite side of the bag. The portion that would not melt or fuse was caked together through that side of the bag had been exposed to the Sun or heat and softened it enough to become plastic enough to run together -

Another Process - Reference given concerning the gathering of Lac and the subsequent treatment is not uniformely manipulated - Judging from the method employed it seems impossible that all the shellac produced, even by the same manipulator, should have the same melting point or solubility Mr Rogers of Rogers Pyatt Shellac Co important shellac importer - told me that the method, as he saw it performed in India, to form the thin shells with the lac is carried on by placing the lac gum in large bag made of cotton cloth, the bag is held in front of fire place, the heat melts the gum enough to flow through the cotton into a heated container to keep it liquid or molten - the operator takes a ladle full of the molten lac and pours it over a revolving cylinder, while another operator spreads the gum over the surface of the cylinder with a suitable spreader. Note then: when the lac is pouring over the fire place, the outermost portion necessarily receives more heat than the innermost - consequently the outer portion has been deprived of more volatile matter and is less soluble and higher melting point. Then again the lac which is in the heated container the portion which adheres to the sides and bottom nearest to heat will exhaust its volatile matter sooner than the other portion, so on having again a

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mixed shellac not of uniform melting point or solubility though the samples may analyze the same

All shellacs may become insoluble and infusable by depriving it of its fusible constituents either by slow or rapid process -

Shellac will become plastic in contact with heated substances, it becomes molten in contact with any fusible organic salts or Compounds and fused oils. it becomes more or less liquid in Alcohol and most all light oily liquids such as fused aniline amyl acetate linseed oil - in the cold & more liquid with heat.

Shellac is miscible with any hard dry powdered material - the latter simply acts as a filler to stiffen and produce a harder & tougher mass - Zinc Oxide for instance will stiffen the lac when only a small quantity is used and Diatomacial Earth will enter into much larger quantities - with Zinc the pasty mass sets very Hard quickly - with the Earth, sets slowly and softer. probably due to the gritty nature of the Earth —— the Zinc probably combines with certain ingredients of the lac - it seems true because the shellac color turns to Brick - If a Nickel salt is used the Color of the lac turns green - which shows evidence of some combination - Such mixtures are usually made between steam heated Rolls which melts the lac and intermingles in the Dry Powders.

Mixtures of Shellac with Organic Salt of whatever nature the resulting mass shows evidence of the salt by its fracture - stability - sensitiveness to heat & moisture - toughness & smoothness.

I melt Naphthalene - add shellac at 200° F. Naphthalene begins to sublime Shellac melts therein - if not stired the shellac stays to the bottom and will there coagulate - let the temperature slowly to 280° the lac is disturbed by the boiling of the naphthalene which becomes darker - the lac seems to disorganize to form flocks which rises in the Naphthalene The flocks gradually break up into smaller particles so that the mixture looks to be a pretty compact mass - this goes on without stirring of course and having naphthalene in excess enough to possess still the solvent power of the Naphthalene to keep the shellac in solution - I dip a piece of glass into it which takes a sample. It crystalizes - Still viscous & scaly - color brown - at 300° Clear examination shows the lac to be simply floating in fine divided State - allow the mixture to cool down slowly - the lac drops some of the naphthalene comes to the surface but carries with something of the Shellac because when cool the crystals are yellowish and not as brittle - the Shellac when cooled shows it has taken some of the Naphthalene which does not seperate by slow cooling - on reheating more Naphthalene comes to the surface - but the slightest motion of the mixture combines the two so that it is difficult to pour off the floating Naphthalene.

Melt common pale Rosin at 220° the Shellac is added melts slowly - floats and is full of Bubbles - at 280° some of the Bubbles break up and some of the shellac drops - after 1 hr. heating at 290-300° a portion of the Shellac which floats becomes less & possible - seperate from the rest as a glassy-like mass, Skim it off - and no more seems to come up. The mixture is now not clear it looks like as if Rosin and a very fine Powder floating was

the result - a Sample upon glass shows after cooling that the mixture is not so brittle (Bailey) & tricky as Rosin and not so hard & tough as Shellac - the Sample seems to form when cold a compact clear mass - tried heat in the mixture to quiet it a good deal having quality but was immediately coagulated the mass to a gelatine-like which would not become liquid after 1/2 hr. heating - add more Rosin makes little more liquid but coagulated lumps remains -

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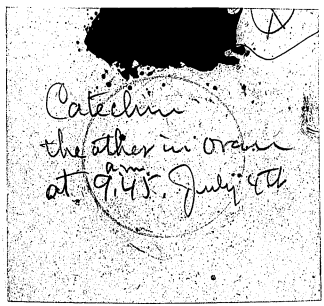

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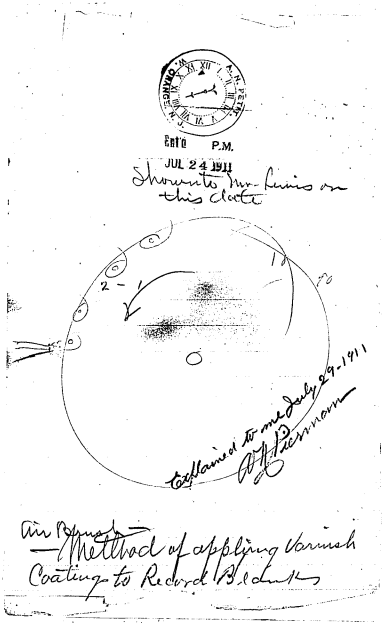

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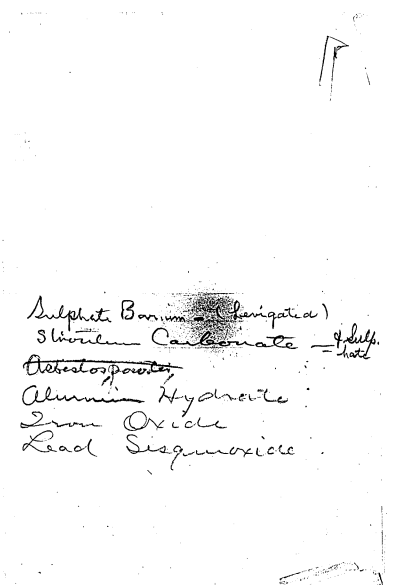

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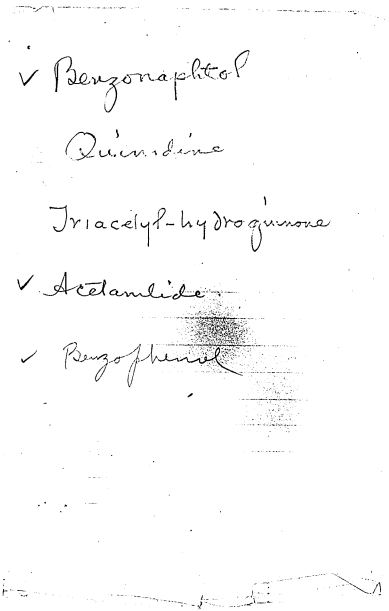

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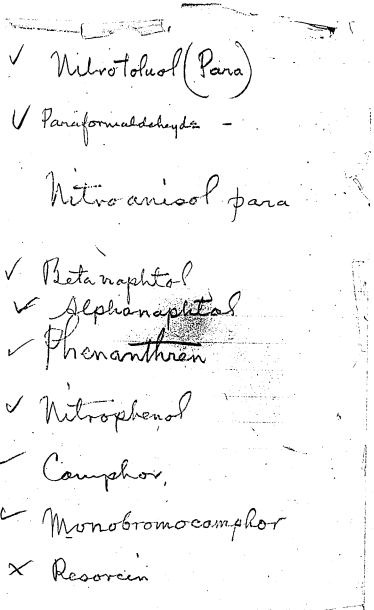

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Mit. Shellac 5 g tetra.

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Orthotoluol Sulphamide	2 hrs
Paraphenylendiamine	8 "
Benzidin	2 " 44
Nitraniline para pure	5 "
Metatoluylendiamine	11 "
Tolidin Para	5 " 45
Dichloraniline coml	2, 5-2
Naphtylamine Beta	6, 30
Acet Para Phenyl[illegible]n	2, 35
Naphtylamin Alpha	1.2,
Orthotoluolsulphamide	2-45
Hydroquinone Diacetyl	6 -
Dinitronaphtalen Pure	2 -
Ortho Amidophenol	4, 30
Diphenylamine c/p	7, 55
Napthol alpha Recryst mud	3, 48
Paranisidin	3,
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Cinchonidine Benzoate	3.5-4

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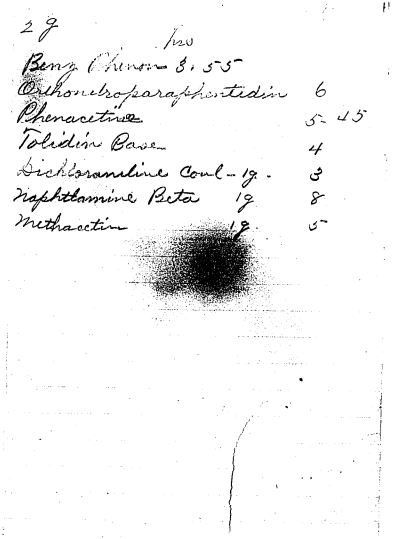

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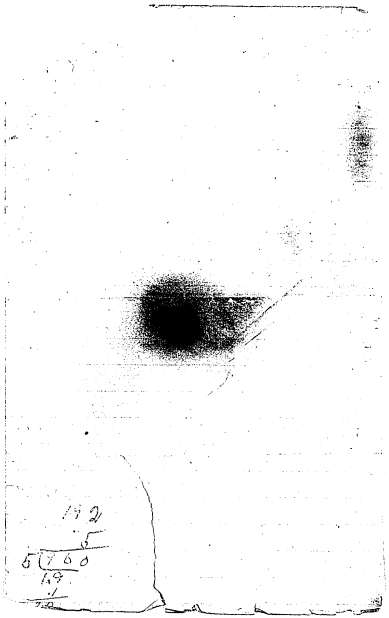
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